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Secretary Scott Pruitt
Environmental Protection Agency,
Mail Code 1101A,
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, DC 20460.

Dear Secretary Pruitt,

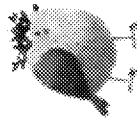
I am writing to ask that you reconsider a proposal to introduce a regulation that would only allow studies with public data to influence writing regulations. While this proposal sounds good, it would severely limit the pool of scientific research that the EPA uses to base its rules. For example, an insistence that data be "reproducible" will prevent the EPA from looking at data from events that are impossible or unethical to simulate—such as the BP oilspill or lead in children's drinking water. It seems to me that the EPA should cast a broad and wide net in looking to scientific data for information that impacts human health and safety and the health of our environment.

I trust the Union of Concerned Scientists, which opposes this regulation. Groups such as the oil and gas lobbyists, who are in favor of this regulation would appear to have a serious conflict of interest. The organization you oversee is the Environmental PROTECTION Agency. Please act accordingly.

I look forward to hearing from you.

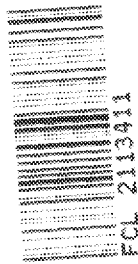
Sincerely,


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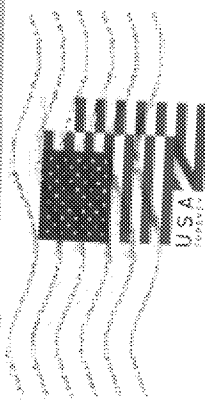
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